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What happened to sundial that used to adorn D&H offices on N. Main Street?

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Many Carbondale residents speak of the sundial, but not until last Thursday have I ever spoken with anyone who knew any of the specifics on history is the sundial that was placed by the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company. The sundial, 100 years old, front of its offices on North (September 9), I visited with Main Street during the final Prudence (Wylie) Wilce in decade of the nineteenth her home at 19 Washington

Street, and learned that the sundial was located on the opposite side of Main Street from the D&H shops. "There used to be another D&H office building, like the Ben-Mar that stood about where the Service Station is now located," Mrs. Wilce reported, "and there was a

path between the buildings that went from Main Street back into the D&H shops and yard, and the sundial was located opposite that path."

From an undated newspaper article (entitled "Carbondale's Novel Timepiece") in a scrapbook that was kept by Mrs. Wilce, we learned, in addition, the history of the sundial. The text of that article, which was probably published in the Scranton Republican, is as follows:

"CARBONDALE, July 30 - sundial made according to specifications he drew up than Pereunt et Immutantur himself. As he grew up literally, he intended that 'they should be believed that one (the years of time) pass away in front of the offices of the and are reckoned against us,' company would lend to the attractiveness of the scene."

"This information was imparted by Henry Gramer, 6 Bronson Place, a pensioned D. & H. employee, who was sundial was placed in its division mason foreman at present location in 1898 at the time of Mr. Manville's request of the late C.R. unusual request. Mr. Gramer supervised the placing of the ancient timepiece and personally drilled the holes in the

granite into which the dial is fastened."

"The Latin quotation refers to the passing hours. Mr. Gramer stated. In recalling the placing of the dial, Mr. Gramer said that it was set by means of a solar compass but is three to four minutes slow. The tangent on the dial is set directly north, and the hours are marked off in Roman numerals, the half-hours by strokes and the quarter-hours by large dots."

"Mr. Gramer remarked that the granite was obtained by digging into the mountain near the old Gravity No. 7 Plane. Three solid blocks were obtained. One was presented to Mr. Manville, who lived on North Main Street, another went to George Dickson, Clarks Summit, and the third was used as a base for the sundial."

The sundial no longer stands across from the former offices on North Main Street. What happened to it? When was the last time that anyone recalls seeing it?



This sundial article is sure to be a big hit. The illustration (photo) from the old newspaper worked very well.

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Community Calendar

Historical Soc. meeting set

The Carbondale Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m., on September 15, in 301 City Hall.

Among the items on the agenda are: the society's annual fall dinner, the October 8 visit to Carbondale by a delegation from the Chemung County (New York) Historical Society, and the implementation of the society's annual membership drive.

Baptist church

On Sunday, September 18, a full "Day of Joy and Gladness" will be celebrated in the Berean Baptist Church. At 11 a.m., a communion service will be held. At 12:30 p.m., a catered dinner will be served in the social rooms of the church. At 2:30 p.m., the mortgage on the present church building will be burnt in a public ceremony held in the church sanctuary.

Taking part in the mortgage burning ceremony will be former pastor, Arthur W. Meneely. The mortgage burning service will be a public occasion and all who assisted the church in any

way to satisfy its creditors in 12 years, instead of the projected 15 years, are invited to attend.

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Weekly fire and police log

INCIDENTS

SEPTEMBER 2
Gerald Chippa, Bay Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested by Sergeant Russell Scavo for disorderly conduct.

SEPTEMBER 3
S.G. Talarico, Dundaff Street, reported to Sergeant Albert Mazzola that his Automobile, which was parked on Dundaff Street, had been stolen.

SEPTEMBER 4
Gerogetta Tolan reported to Officer Dominick Andidora that her car, which was parked on Pike Street, had been stolen.

SEPTEMBER 5
Martin J. Mitternaier, East Orange, N.J., reported to Officer Joseph McDonald that Four hub caps had been stolen from his automobile, which was parked on Williams Avenue.

SEPTEMBER 6
Officer Joseph McDonald cited Clement Badash, 110 North Church Street, University Avenue, when the trusses loaded on Rochester, N.Y. for public druckenness.

SEPTMBER 8

Officer Michael O'Hara Saul's Motors, Brooklyn Street, reported to Officer Rea & Derick, Ames Plaza, Frank Critelli that four tires had been stolen from the store.

ACCIDENTS
SEPTEMBER 3
Officer George Burke investigated a report from Court, reproted to Officer Joseph Mase that his wife's Jack Roe's Service Station that bottles were being 1981 Mack Tractor, which was parked broken on the premises. Two in the lot at the Carbondale juveniles were taken into General Hospital, had been custody by Carbondale damaged.

SEPTEMBER 7
Officer Joseph Mase investigated an accident at the intersection of North Main Gerald Bannon, Washington and North Church Streets. A Street, that eggs had been thrown at his house and Kleer Span Truss Co., damaged the siding.

SEPTEMBER 8
Officer George Burke investigated a report from Clayville, N.Y., and driver by Joseph McDonald Douglas Hungerford, Hubberdsburg, N.Y., was turning cited Clement Badash, 110 North Church Street onto North Church Street University Avenue, when the trusses loaded on Rochester, N.Y. for public druckenness.

pole and pushed it several feet, pulling the wires away and putting the signals out.

FIRE
SEPTEMBER 1, 8:35 a.m.
Engine 4 and Truck 1 answered a false alarm (Box 65) at Carbondale General Hospital.

11:20 a.m.
Engine 4 Trucks 1 and 3 extinguished and electrical fire at the residence of Paul Sweder, 24 Columbia Avenue.

SEPTEMBER 3, 3:39 p.m.
Engine 4 and Truck 1 extinguished a fire of undetermined cause at the rear of Monarch Pallet, Lower Pike Street.

SEPTEMBER 4, 4:45 p.m.
Engine 4 extinguished a brush and garbage fire on Wayne Street, past Carey Avenue.

SEPTEMBER 8, 10:25 a.m.
Trucks 1 and 3 responded to a false alarm (Box 65) at Carbondale General Hospital.